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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF

ANTHONY PANICHELLA License No. 37PC30300

TO PRACTICE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER OF VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF

LICENSURE

This matter was opened to the New Jersey Professional Counselor Examiners Committee (the "Committee") upon receipt of information reviewed by the Committee alleging that Anthony Panichella ("Respondent") has not complied with the terms and conditions of the Consent Order issued by the Committee on May 6, 2004. The Committee also received information that on or about June 29, 2005, Respondent entered a plea of guilty to a one count accusation charging him with a crime of third (3rd) degree pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:21-20a in the County of Camden for the unauthorized practice of medicine and surgery by knowingly prescribing medication to a counseling patient, C.H., while he knowingly did

not possess a license to practice medicine and surgery. Respondent is scheduled to appear for sentencing on August 18, 2005, in Camden County Superior Court of New Jersey. The Committee has also received information that Respondent failed to disclose four (4) prior criminal convictions in Camden County during the years of 1993, 1995 and 1997 on his initial application for licensure and subsequent renewal applications. An investigative inquiry of Respondent was scheduled before the Committee on July 7, 2005, at 1:30 p.m. The parties have agreed to adjourn the investigative inquiry pending the resolution of the aforementioned criminal charge related to the unauthorized practice of medicine and surgery.

The Respondent agreeing to be bound by the terms and conditions set forth in this Interim Consent Order and the New Jersey Professional Counselor Examiners Committee having determined that the following provisions are sufficiently protective of the public interest and welfare, and for good cause shown:

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this ______ day of ______, 2005, ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. Respondent shall immediately surrender his license to practice professional counseling in the State of New Jersey and shall cease and desist from such practice. Said license shall be delivered forthwith to Mileidy Perez, Deputy Attorney General,

Division of Law, 124 Halsey Street, 5th Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

- 2. Respondent may apply for reinstatement of his license to practice professional counseling at such time as the Committee has concluded the investigative inquiry and determined that Respondent is fit and competent to practice professional counseling in the State of New Jersey. Any practice in this State prior to said reinstatement shall constitute grounds for a charge of unlicensed practice.
- 3. The investigative inquiry of Respondent by the Committee shall be held in abeyance until such time as the criminal proceedings against Respondent are concluded whether by sentencing, entry into a Pre-Trial Intervention program or conclusion of a criminal trial.
- 4. Respondent shall inform the Committee in writing within 20 days after the resolution of the criminal charges, of the disposition the criminal matter and provide copies of such disposition to the Boards.
- 5. This order is entered without admission of any wrongdoing by Respondent and without prejudice to the ability of Respondent to defend against any disciplinary action filed by the Committee.
- 6. The entry of this Order shall be without prejudice to any further investigation or prosecution of any matter by the Committee or any other State board or agency, including but not limited to

the pending criminal charges, the actions underlying those charges and the prior criminal convictions.

NEW JERSEY PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE

Bv:

J. Barry Mascari, LPC

President

I have read and understand the within Consent Order and agree to be bound by its terms. Consent is hereby given to the Committee to enter this Order.

Anthony Panichella

Date

Consent as to form and entry:

M.W. Pinsky, E

Esq./

7/15/ Date

State Of New Jersey Department Of Law and Public Safety Division of Consumer Affairs

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE Board of Marriage & Family Therapy Exam

HAS LICENSED

ANTHONY G. PANICHELLA 739 South White Horse Pike Suite 10 Audubon NJ 08106

FOR PRACTICE IN NEW JERSEY AS A(N): Professional Counselor

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LICENSE REGISTRATION CERTIFICATION #

SIGNATURE OF REGISTRANT